【 DAY 37 】
I SUP-POSE THIS HAPPENS...
...OH...
I GAVE THEM THEIR PRESENTS WHILE THINKING ABOUT THIS STRING OF EVOLUTIONS.
THE LAST TWO GOBLINS EVOLVED INTO HOBGOBLINS TODAY.
AFTER THAT, WE FINISHED MORNING TRAIN-ING AND I WAS EATING LUNCH...
...I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WAS ANOTHER FEMALE THOUGH.
HERE'S SOME MORE.
...WHEN GOBLIN E RAN IN, PANICKING.

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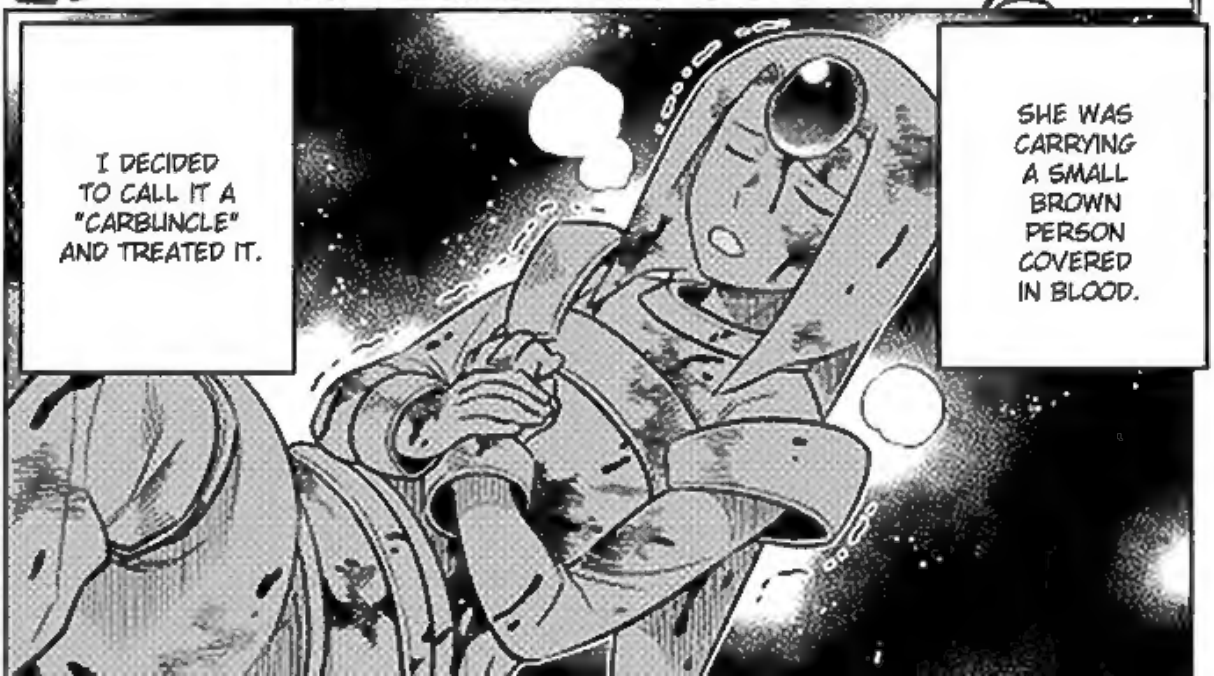
HELP ME OUT HERE, PLEASE!



AT THIS POINT I WASN'T IN THE MOOD TO EAT ANYMORE,
AND I CAN'T JUST IGNORE GOBLIN E.
IT'S LOST QUITE A BIT OF BLOOD,
MAYBE I SHOULD ASK ALCHEMIST FOR SOME MEDICINE...
OH, YOU'RE AWAKE.
...T-THIS IS...?
MAY I ASK WHO YOU MIGHT BE...?
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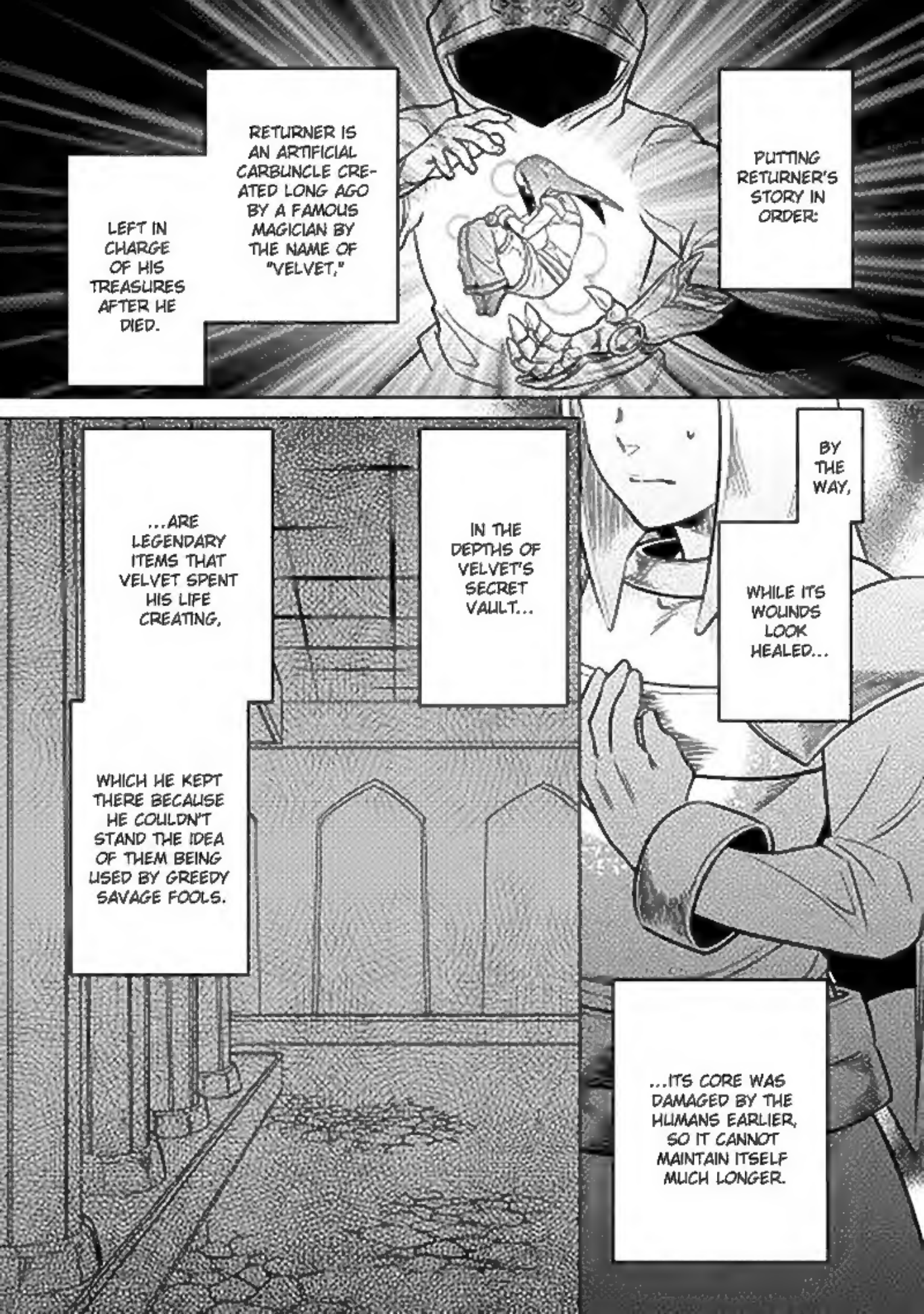
AFTER WE EXPLAINED EVERY-THING, THE CARBUNCLE DECIDED TO TALK...
THANK YOU FOR TREATING ME EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ME.
MY NAME IS RETURNER.
I WAS ATTACKED BY HUMANS JUST NOW.

THE HUMANS PROBABLY ATTACKED TO OBTAIN IT.
APPARENTLY THE GEM ON THE CARBUNCLE'S FOREHEAD IS REALLY VALUABLE,
AND WORTH AROUND 1 BILLION GOLD.
...BUT PLEASE GET RID OF THOSE ADVENTURERS!
I UNDERSTAND I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO ASK ANY MORE OF YOU...
HA?
AS I WAS THINKING ABOUT HOW TERRIBLE THIS ALL WAS...
PLEASE, BE SO KIND TO HELP ME!
...BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
I'M IN CHARGE OF A SECRET DUNGEON CLOSE TO YOUR MINES...


PUTTING RETURNER'S STORY IN ORDER:
RETURNER IS AN ARTIFICIAL CARBUNCLE CREATED LONG AGO BY A FAMOUS MAGICIAN BY THE NAME OF "VELVET,"
LEFT IN CHARGE OF HIS TREASURES AFTER HE DIED.
BY THE WAY,
WHILE ITS WOUNDS LOOK HEALED...
...ITS CORE WAS DAMAGED BY THE HUMANS EARLIER, SO IT CANNOT MAINTAIN ITSELF MUCH LONGER.
IN THE DEPTHS OF VELVET'S SECRET VAULT...
...ARE LEGENDARY ITEMS THAT VELVET SPENT HIS LIFE CREATING,
WHICH HE KEPT THERE BECAUSE HE COULDN'T STAND THE IDEA OF THEM BEING USED BY GREEDY SAVAGE FOOLS.

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DRIVE THEM OUT OF THE DUNGEON AND SEAL THE ENTRANCE.
I HAD STATIONED SKELETON WARRIORS, BUT THEY DIDN'T DO WELL AGAINST THE ADVENTURERS...

MY MASTER HATED HUMANS,
SO HE WOULD PREFER YOU TAKING THEM OVER THE HUMANS STEALING THEM.
NATU-RALLY, YOU WILL BE REWARDED FOR YOUR EFFORT,
ALL OF THE TREASURES WITHIN WILL BE YOURS FOR THE TAKING!

CALL OVER THE OTHERS,
I'LL GO TALK TO THE HUMAN GIRLS.

WHAT WILL WE DO?
GOBLIN ROU...
RIGHT...

...THERE-FORE...
...WE'LL BE GOING TO THIS SECRET VAULT.
EQUIP YOUR-SELVES WELL.
BLACKSMITH, DID YOU BRING THAT ITEM YOU MENTIONED BEFORE?
OH, UH...
THE SPIRIT STONE KNIFE, RIGHT?
I WANTED TO HAVE SOME SORT OF WEAPON ON ME.
I'VE PREPARED A NUMBER OF OTHER DETER-RENTS, BUT THIS SHOULD HELP TOO.

THE REQUEST IS JUST TO DRIVE THEM OUT, SO I'LL TRY TO CONVINCE THEM.
...YES, I KNOW... I WON'T JUST BLINDLY KILL THEM ALL.
BUT HEY, AT LEAST I'M GOING TO TRY, RIGHT?
THOUGH OBVIOUSLY I'LL USE FORCE IF THEY DON'T LISTEN...
BE CAREFUL...
YEAH... ...
THIS WAS APPARENTLY THE SECRET DUNGEON THAT RETURNER HAD BEEN MANAGING.
AFTER GETTING EVERY-THING TOGETH-ER,
WE HEADED TOWARDS A HOLE THAT GOBLIN E MADE IN THE MINES.

AS I HAD PROMISED, I TRIED TO FIND THE ADVEN-TURERS AND TALK TO THEM...
...WHILE EVERYONE ELSE HID NEARBY, BUT...

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...WHAT THE HELL, THERE'S EVEN AN OGRE VARIANT HERE...
WHAT A PAIN...

WE JUST DEALT WITH THOSE WEAK-LING SKELETONS WHO ONLY HAVE NUMBERS ON THEIR SIDE...
THIS SUCKS.
WHATEVER, JUST KILL IT ALREADY.
WE NEED TO FIND THE TINY THING AND TAKE THAT GEM.

...JUST HEAR ME OUT HERE, DEAR INTRUDERS.
WELL...
I'M A RARE SPECIES, NOT A VARIANT...
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THE ASSASSIN'S "PRESENCE HIDING" DOESN'T WORK?!
HE SAW THROUGH IT?!
LISTEN HERE, YOU'RE IN SOMEONE'S DUNGEON HOME.
NOT ONLY HAVE YOU ENTERED WITHOUT PERMISSION AND KILLED THE MONSTERS RESIDENTS, YOU'RE EVEN STEALING TREASURES.
THAT'S ROBBERY AND MURDER RIGHT THERE!
THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T EVEN SEE IT AS A CRIME MEANS YOU'RE BEYOND SAVING.

QUIT SPEAKING OUR LANGUAGE SO FLUENTLY, DAMNED OGRE!
...SHIT!
I'M A RATHER NICE PERSON.
YOU GUYS ARE PRETTY LUCKY,
IF YOU GUYS JUST GIVE UP AND LEAVE, I'LL BE WILLING TO FORGET ABOUT ALL THIS!
HOW ABOUT IT?
ACCORDING TO "APPRAISAL", THEY'RE EQUIPPED WITH SOME HIGH LEVEL MAGIC ITEMS.
THERE'S SIX OF THEM: TWO AS THE VANGUARD, THREE AS THE REAR GUARD, AND ONE SUPPORT.
THEIR TEAM-WORK IS ALSO PRETTY GOOD
IT'S JUST THAT THE ENTIRE THING IS LACKING... SOMETHING JUST SEEMS OFF...

THEY PROB-ABLY GOT TO WHERE THEY ARE THROUGH RANKING UP THEIR JOBS...
...AND DIDN'T SPEND ENOUGH TIME ACTUALLY TRAINING THEMSELVES.
BECAUSE OF THAT, IT ALL FELT—
I GOT HIM RIGHT IN THE HEAD!
AL-RIGHT!
SERVES YOU R—

THIS CAN'T BE REAL!
THAT WAS A LEVEL 3 SPELL!
HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?!
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...I'VE JUST RUN OUT OF PATIENCE...
THAT ACTUALLY HURT.
...AH, SORRY BUT...

DON'T THINK BADLY OF ME.
JUST REGRET YOUR CHOICE TO NOT LISTEN TO ME.
NOW...

...WE KILLED ALL SIX OF THE ADVEN-TURERS THAT NEARLY KILLED RETURNER.
AND SO...

OOH
I ALSO GOT TO TRY OUT THE WATER SPIRIT KNIFE.
WHILE THE BLADE IS NO DIFFERENT FROM A LETTER OPENER'S,
SWINGING IT MAKES IT SHOOT OUT JETS OF WATER THAT CAN CUT THROUGH PLATE ARMOR.
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HUH?
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HUH?
I DECIDED TO LET GOBLIN MI TRY IT AS WELL, JUST TO SHARE IT, BUT...
APPARENTLY YOU NEED THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF SPEED TO USE IT.
AFTER THE EXPERI-MENTS,
WE STRIPPED THE ADVEN-TURERS OF THEIR EQUIP-MENT AND ATE THEM.
LEARNED "JOB: GUARDIAN", "JOB: CRUSADER"
"JOB: ASSASSIN", "JOB: HIGH WIZARD"
"JOB: PRIEST", "JOB: ENCHANTER",
"QUICK THINKING",
"PARALLEL THINKING", "EQUESTRIANISM",
"COUNTER MAGIC", "SHORTENED INCANTATIONS",
"CHIVALRY", "INTUITION", "CONCEAL PRESENCE",
"PROTECTION OF THE MINOR GOD OF KINDNESS".
THEY REALLY WERE RATHER HIGH LEVEL ADVENTURERS AMONG HUMANS.

HERMIT'S RING
"CONCEAL STATUS"
MAGIC RING THAT CONCEALS THE WEARER'S STATUS INFORMATION.
AMONG THEIR EQUIPMENT WERE SOME SIMILARLY AMAZING MAGIC ITEMS.
BACKPACK OF STORAGE
"INTERDIMENSIONAL STORAGE"
MAGIC BACKPACK CAPABLE OF HOLDING UP TO 99 ITEMS IN EACH OF ITS 200 SLOTS. X6
▷ LEARNED "CONCEAL STATUS"
"INTERDIMENSIONAL STORAGE".
I IMMEDIATELY ATE THEM.
HE REALLY DOES EAT ANYTHIIING! AWESOOOME!
AHAHA. FOR REAL!
RETURNER GUIDED US TO THE DUNGEON'S ENTRANCE, IN THE DEPTHS OF ANOTHER CAVE.
MY OLD WORLD ALSO HAD TELEPORTING OBJECTS LIKE THIS.
AN UNFAIR ITEM THAT LETS YOU HOLD 1200 STACKS OF 99 ITEMS IS PRETTY NICE...
WOW!
WE'LL JUST NEED TO DO THE SAME TO THE HOLE GOBLIN E OPENED UP.
WE COLLAPSED THE CEILING AND FILLED IT WITH EARTH AND ROCKS.

AFTER THAT, WE WENT TO THE TREASURE ROOM, AND FOUND...
FURTHER IN THE BACK WE FOUND A MUMMIFIED BODY WITH A SILVER BRACELET SITTING ON A THRONE.
...COUNTLESS TREASURES AND NUMEROUS MAGIC ITEMS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN OUR CURRENT ONES.
AS PROMISED, EVERYTHING YOU SEE IN HERE BELONGS TO YOU NOW.
I'M SURE MY MASTER WOULD ALSO BE PLEASED.
EVERYONE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

YES. BY THE WAY,
DO YOU KNOW WHY THERE ARE SO MANY SPIRIT STONES IN THE CAVE YOU LIVE IN?
...SO,
THAT'S VELVET?
YOU NORMALLY CAN'T FIND ALL THOSE DIFFERENT SPIRIT STONES IN A SINGLE PLACE.
FIRE SPIRIT STONE WOULD BE NEAR A VOLCANO, WATER SPIRIT STONES WOULD BE NEAR A RIVER OR SEA. THEY WOULD ONLY BE FOUND IN ENVIRONMENTS THAT MATCH THEIR ELEMENT.
HOWEVER, MY MASTER EXCELLED AT HANDLING SPIRITS,
AND THEY REMAIN HERE TO THIS DAY, AFFECTING THIS ENTIRE REGION.
HMM, HE MUST'VE BEEN AN AMAZING MAGICIAN.
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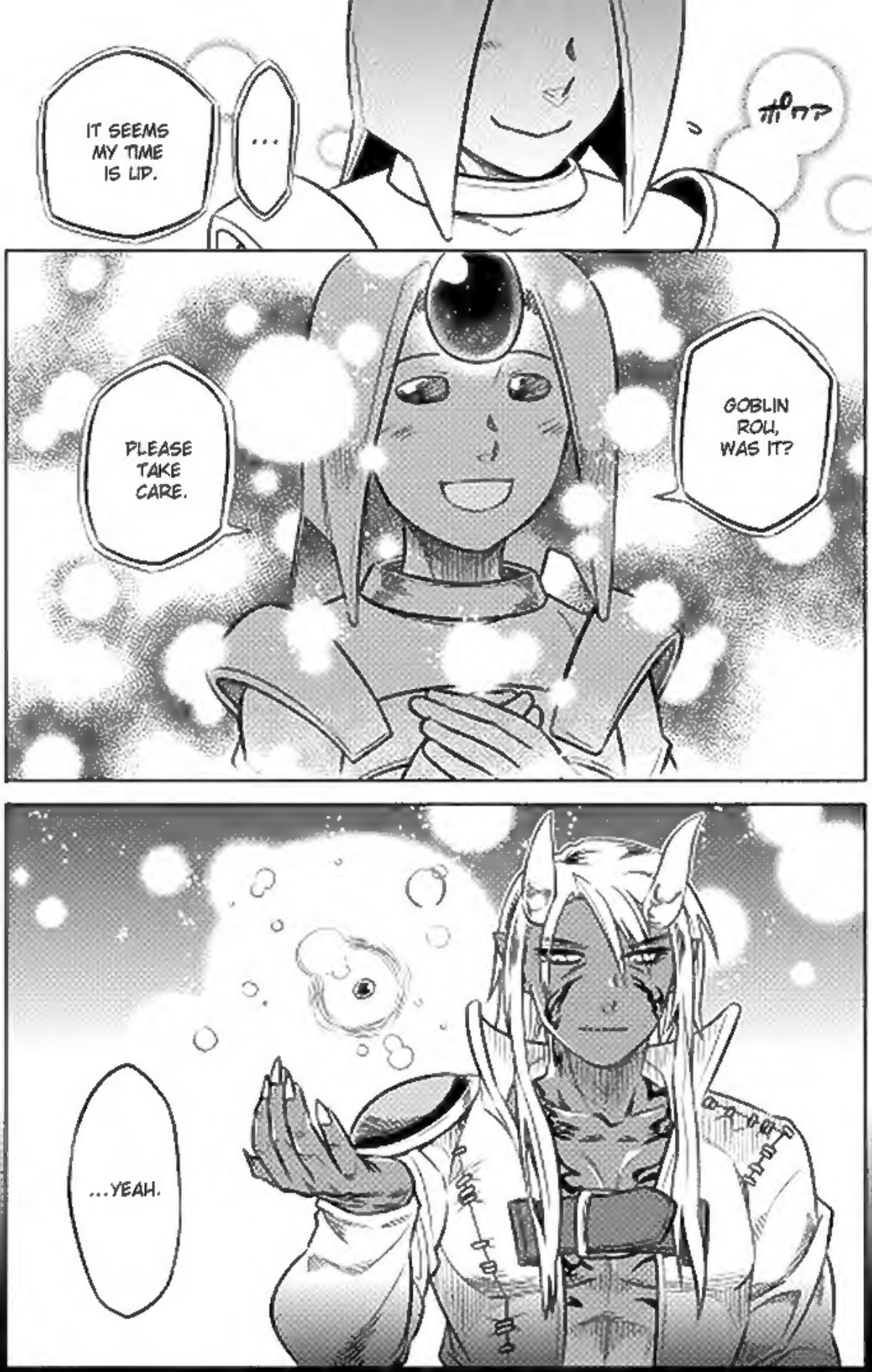
YES, HE TRULY WAS!
HEHE...


IT SEEMS MY TIME IS UP.
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PLEASE TAKE CARE.
GOBLIN ROU, WAS IT?
...YEAH.
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